

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 5-13, 17-21, 25 and 26 are pending. By this amendment, claims 1 and 17 are amended and claims 4, 14-16 and 27-35 are canceled (rendering the rejection of claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103 moot).

I. Claims 8-13 are Allowed and Claims 1-3, 5-7, 17-21, 25 and 26 Are Allowable

Item 6 of the Office Action allows claims 8-13. Item 7 of the Office Action indicates that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Item 8 of the Office Action indicates that claims 17-21, 25 and 26 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection of these claims.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 4 (rendering the rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103 moot), and claim 17 is amended to overcome the §112, second paragraph rejection. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-13, 17-21, 25 and 26 are allowable.

II. Conclusion

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,



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